

HOUSE RESOLUTION 253

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Head Coach Lon Herzbrun for his immense success with the 1967 Fulton High School Falcons football team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Lon Herzbrun, who coached the Fulton High School Falcons football team from 1962 to 1968 and improbably led the undersized 1967 team through an undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maryville, Mr. Herzbrun has a long tradition of excellence in football, as he performed as an offensive guard and defensive tackle at the University of Tennessee from 1955 to 1957 and later played professionally in the National Football League in the early 1960's. After his successful career with Fulton High School, he returned to the University of Tennessee and coached linebackers from 1969 to 1976 and opened Olympia Athletic Club in 1978; and

WHEREAS, upon taking control of the Fulton High School football team in 1962, Lon Herzbrun shaped a program in disarray into a highly successful team founded on the principles of dedication, discipline, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, in Coach Herzbrun's first season, his twenty players posted the school's best record yet, three wins to one tie; and

WHEREAS, during a time before the state playoff system, Coach Herzbrun's Falcons football teams dominated the Knoxville Football League and went to six post-season bowl games; and

WHEREAS, the pinnacle of Lon Herzbrun's coaching tenure at Fulton was the 1967 season, in which he led his team of bantam players known as the Mighty Mites to an undefeated season and victory over Oak Ridge High School's powerhouse team; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding accomplishment of an undefeated season has never been repeated throughout the fifty-six year history of Fulton High School Football; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herzbrun's achievements have garnered him recognition from the City of Knoxville and Governor Phil Bredesen, who named him aide-de-camp in the state militia, and has earned him the Salute America Award; and

WHEREAS, Lon Herzbrun epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Herzbrun for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Lon Herzbrun for his exceptional performance as head coach of the 1967 Fulton High School Falcons football team and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.